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1. ON THE EVE OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO
CONCLUDE THE WORK OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE (CIEC),
PRESIDENT GISCARD GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO ALAIN VERNAY OF
THE FIGARO. THE INTERVIEW ALSO DEALT WITH NORTH-
SOUTH RELATIONS GENERALLY AND WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND OPEC. THE MAIN POINTS MADE
BY GISCARD ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

--CIEC MINISTERIAL IS THE FIRST TEST OF THE CREDIBILITY
OF THE LONDON SUMMIT.

--INCREASE IN OIL PRICES WAS MODERATED BY THE ONGOING
WORK OF CIEC .

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--THE PRINCIPAL ACT OF THE LONDON SUMMIT WAS CREATION
OF A COMMON FUND. IT WAS THE "COLLECTIVE AFFIRMATION"
OF THE NEED TO CREATE A CENTRAL ORGANIZATION WITH A
VIEW TO STABILIZING THE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS. THE
PRODUCTS CONCERNED ARE THOSE PRODUCED BY LDCS BUT WOULD
NOT INCLUDE THOSE PRODUCED BY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.
THE QUESTION OF STABILIZING RECEIPTS FROM EXPORTS OF

RAW MATERIALS IS A SEPARATE QUESTION WHICH THE LONDON SUMMIT AGREED TO STUDY.

--CURRENT DIFFICULTIES FOR EUROPEAN INDUSTRY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TEXTILES, DO NOT COME FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT FROM JAPAN OR FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY PROGRESSED TO THE "TAKE OFF" STAGES SUCH AS SINGAPORE.

--THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES HAVE A GLOBAL DIMENSION. WE SHOULD OPPOSE THE CREATION OF MONOPOLIES ON A GLOBAL SCALE IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE OPPOSE MONOPOLIES IN THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY. THIS IS WHAT I MEANT IN LONDON WHEN I REFERRED TO CHANGE IN STRUCTURES.

--NEW STRUCTURES SHOULD BE CREATED WHICH PERMIT A CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT BY THE EAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS POSSIBILITIES.

--IN MOSCOW I PROMISED THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP I WOULD KEEP IT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE CONFERENCE (CIEC). NOW WE SHOULD SEE HOW TO ENGAGE THE EASTERN COUNTRIES MORE ACTIVELY. (NOTE: THE EMBASSY BELIEVES GISCARD MEANS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT, NOT PARTICIPATION IN THE CIEC ITSELF. SEE ALSO REFTEL.)

--NO ONE SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVES PROMOTING AN ARMS RACE IN AFRICA. AFRICAN SECURITY REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE MET
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AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST. FRANCE WILL FAVOR ANY INITIATIVE FROM AFRICAN STATES OR FROM ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THEM WHICH WOULD REDUCE ARMS REQUIREMENTS.

--THE GUARANTEE OF FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS A COUNTERPART TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

--JUST AS THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES ARE BEGINNING TO CORRECT THEIR OWN EXCESSES; E.G. WASTE OF ENERGY, THE LDCS ARE BEGINNING TO FACE UP TO THE PROBLEM OF DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH.

--THE PUBLIC IN FRANCE SUPPORTS A POLICY OF ECONOMIC AID MORE STRONGLY THAN IS GENERALLY BELIEVED. THE COMMON PROGRAM OF THE LEFT WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF FRENCH AID. THE FRANC ZONE WOULD BE DESTROYED.

--TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF IMPORTS BY THE LDCS

ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS OF FUNDS WILL BE NECESSARY. "WE

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ARE GOING TO TRANSFER A SUPPLEMENTARY ONE BILLION
DOLLARS." OPEC HAS LOOKED AT THE PROBLEM IN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE.

--ONE MINISTERIAL MEETING CANNOT CHANGE THE TERMS OF
TRADE OR THE BALANCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. THE EXECU-
TION OF CIEC DECISIONS WILL BE DONE BY COMPETENT
ORGANIZATIONS. WHAT WILL SEPARATE SUCCESS FROM FAILURE
WILL BE THE SETTING UP OF STRUCTURES FOR WORLD CONCERT
ON ENERGY PROBLEMS; ALSO THE DECISION TO HAVE A GLOBAL
APPROACH TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE CONCERNS OF THE
RAW MATERIAL PRODUCERS FOR THE LEVEL AND THE PROTECTION
OF THEIR RECEIPTS; FINALLY THE WILL TO MAKE AN
EXCEPTIONAL TRANSFER OF RESOURCES TO THE POOREST
COUNTRIES.

--THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY INCLUDES ONLY CERTAIN
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND IS NOT A SUITABLE INSTRUMENT
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FOR DIALOGUE WITH OPEC. (THIS WAS IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE GOF MEMBERSHIP IN IEA.)

--THE PRICE OF OIL HAS TO BE REMUNERATIVE FOR PRODUCERS AND TOLERABLE FOR CONSUMERS. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A JUST PRICE FOR OIL.

--THE FRENCH NUCLEAR PROGRAM WILL NOT BE CHANGED. ANALYSIS SHOWS NEED NOT ONLY FOR REPROCESSING FACILITIES BUT ALSO FOR FAST BREEDERS. THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR FUEL IN THE 90S WILL BE POSED IN THE SAME TERMS AS OIL BOTH WITH REGARD TO CONCENTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SCARCITY.

--THE LONDON SUMMIT WAS NOT TRIPARTITE. IT WAS A EUROPEAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUE IN WHICH JAPAN PARTICIPATED. GAMMON

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